



**NOTICE OF *EX PARTE*
PRESENTATION**

July 11, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW B204
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC
Docket 96-45, Joint Board Recommended Decision on Supported Services**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please be advised that on July 9, 2003, Kathleen O'Reilly, counsel for the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates ("NASUCA"¹), hand delivered to Christopher Libertelli, staff to Chairman Powell, an *ex parte* communication in the nature of a clarification. The purpose was to correct errors contained in the *ex parte* claims of wireless carriers that there is no consumer benefit to be gained by adding to the list of supported services established pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 254(c)(1), equal access to long distance carriers; if equal access is added to the list, then all eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") must offer equal access. See 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(1)(A).

The consumer benefit had been described in comments filed on April 14, 2003 by NASUCA on the Joint Board Recommended Decision on supported services. A copy of those comments and the attached handouts were provided Mr. Libertelli.

¹ NASUCA is an association of 41 consumer advocates in 40 states and the District of Columbia. NASUCA's members are designated by the laws of their respective states to represent the interests of utility consumers before state and federal regulators and in the courts. See, e.g., Ohio Rev. Code Chapter 4911.

Sincerely,

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